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Kits Beach **Anchors away**

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A woman takes a closer look at a sailboat that was blown off anchor and swept ashore at Kitsilano Beach on Thursday. Heavy overnight winds that reached close to 100 kilometres per hour dragged at least five boats onto the beach and cut power to around 7,000 B.C. Hydro customers in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island. **Story page 2.**

Million dollar houses becoming norm in city

Expert says realty rollercoaster expressing 'market irrationality'

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

The price of a two-storey home in Vancouver is nearing $1 million, according to Royal LePage survey results released on Thursday.

Calling it a rollercoaster effect, Phil Soper, president and chief executive, Royal LePage Real Estate Services, said that Vancouver home prices have rebounded dramatically after dropping when the economy went south.

A detached bungalow, for example, is selling for 21.8 per cent more than it did in 2009.

Soper called the dramatic fluctuation in prices "a significant degree of market irrationality."

"(Buyers are) inordinately fearful when faced with poorer markets; and overly enthusiastic when the tables turned," he said in a release.

The average two-storey house in Vancouver is now $987,500 (up 19.2 per cent) and the average condo is going for $470,000 (up 15.7 per cent).

Brian Pavao is looking to enter the housing market and said he's had to turn to family for help.

"We want to stay in the (downtown) area, but with the budget we have to buy a place we can't afford what we currently live in ... we are willing to sacrifice size for location," he said.

New homeowner Chris Vohradsky said he bought four months ago as prices were rising.

"I had to make a quick decision, that I wasn't quite ready for," he said. "I had saved up a car down payment and I ended up having to use that toward my house down payment too."

"I'm taking public transit for a couple more years now, but I got (what) I wanted."

Tiger back in the swing

AUGUSTA The shots. The fist pumps. The roaring galleries at Augusta National.

Tiger Woods played as though he'd never been away.

Returning from a five-month layoff and trying to rebuild his reputation after a sex scandal, Woods quickly showed that his game was still in good shape Thursday at the Masters ending the day at four-under par 68.

The gallery around the first tee swelled to 10 deep all the way round when Woods appeared. He smiled and touched the brim of his cap, acknowledging the cheers when his name was announced.

"Make us proud!" a fan yelled.

Overhead, a small plane flew by pulling a banner that jabbed the golfer: "Tiger: Did you mean bootyism?" — a reference to Woods' claim that part of the reason for his troubles was that he left his faith, Buddhism. Some people in the stands laughed and pulled out binoculars to get a closer look. Later, another banner said: "Sex Addict? Yeah. Right. Sure. Me Too!"

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Tiger Woods

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SFU students lay claim to 'robot' record

SFU students claim to have set the new world record for the most people doing the "robot" dance in one place with 289 dancers, one at left, beating the record set in 2007 by the University of Kent of 276 dancers. The University of Melbourne had 318, but failed to submit the necessary documentation to the Guinness Book of World Records. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

INQUIRY Former Crown lawyers who are now judges will have to appear before a public inquiry and explain why they repeatedly decided not to charge any of the police officers involved with Frank Paul before he was dumped drunk in a Vancouver alley, where he froze to death.

HOTELS Downtown Vancouver experienced a hotel occupancy rate that exceeded 90 per cent during the 17 days of the Olympic Winter Games. In comparison, the overall rate for February 2009 was 65 per cent.

DEATH A three-year-old Prince George boy is dead and his mother in hospital in Vancouver with serious head injuries after a car accident near Quesnel on Thursday.

IDENTITY Police have identified the man found washed up on the bank of the Fraser River in Hope as 18-year-old Jordan August. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sivan Moore, with her dog Rusty at Kitsilano Beach on Thursday, surveys the damage to a boat that washed ashore because of heavy winds.

'I've never seen anything like this'

Washed-up boats on Kits Beach draw the curious

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Kitsilano residents came out in droves on Thursday morning after heavy overnight winds swept at least five sailboats ashore, leaving them scattered and broken along the edge of the surf.

Residents, armed with cameras and accompanied by bounding dogs, wandered the beach to survey the damage.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Brent Ash, who lives nearby.

"My boat was anchored by the yacht club and we reset our anchor (after the last windstorm)."

"This is a wake-up call to us people who have a boat out there to make sure your anchor is good."
Brent Ash, Kitsilano resident

During that storm on April 2, his boat was dragged several hundred feet.

"This is a wake-up call to us people who have a boat out there to make sure your anchor is good," Ash said.

Sivan Moore was walking her dog nearby when neighbours told her about the washed-up boats.

"I was shocked," she said. "I didn't think it would be that bad. So I grabbed my camera (and came down)."

Boats weren't the only victims of the wind at Kits Beach. Massive branches littered the grass, garbage bins were lying prostrate and real-estate signs were blown off their hinges.

Northwest winds blew to as much as roughly 100 km/h in parts of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

The storm toppled trees onto power lines, cutting electricity to around 7,000 B.C. Hydro customers.

Police brace for crowds with Canucks playoff run

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

HOCKEY Vancouver police are expecting larger crowds downtown than usual when the Canucks begin their playoff run next week.

"Simply, people want to relive the fun experience from the Olympics and there may be some carryover," VPD spokesperson Const. Jana McGuinness said.

Canucks playoffs celebrations have been known to get rowdy in the past, with the 1994 Stanley Cup riots being the obvious example. More than 50,000 people took to downtown streets after that Game 7 loss and caused more than a million dollars in damage.

"Our number 1 priority is public safety," said McGuinness. "We want to be sure people come down, have a great time and do it safely."

In February, more than 150,000 people jammed the downtown core following Canada's gold-medal win and police had little to do other than pour out liquor and high-five celebrating fans.

McGuinness also said that there's no plan in place to close liquor stores early like they did during the Olympics, since the number of people drinking on the streets isn't expected to be anywhere near the liquor-consuming crowds seen in February.

Fewer homeless on streets, but overall number rises

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COUNT Half as many people are sleeping on Vancouver's streets this year compared to 2008, but the number of homeless has risen, according to early results from the city's homeless count.

Counters found 428 people sleeping on the streets on March 23, compared to more than 800 at the same time two years ago.

The number of people using shelters has gone up, though, to more than 1,300 from 800.

Coun. Kerry Jang credits the drop in street homelessness to the city's seven temporary shelters, which are set to shut down on April 30 and which Jang said need to remain open.

He said they offer more than just a warm place to sleep — they provide safety, food and important contact with outreach workers. They are credited with reducing street disorder, crime and visible drug use.

"The overall homeless numbers are up because Vancouver is a very expensive place to live ... and the housing allowance isn't enough to keep up with inflation."

Jang said the government needs to make good on its promises to build interim and social housing immediately.

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Tourism Vancouver helped 173,000 during Games

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Works by legendary Canadian artists up for auction

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

ART Rare Canadian masterpieces are going under the hammer at a Vancouver auction house on Tuesday.

The auction features a sizeable collection of works from the Group of Seven, which Maynards Fine Art and Antiques CEO Barry Scott said will be among the most popular as they become increasingly hard to find for sale.

"There is not enough of the Group of Seven to accommodate people," he said.

Small sketches done by famous artists such as Tom Thompson and Emily Carr are likely to sell for as much as one or two million dollars — "ones that took them just a few minutes to do," said Scott.

Scott expects about 300 to 400 people in the showroom looking to own a piece of Canadian history as the domestic art market expands in terms of buyers.

"Younger professionals are now stepping into the market and buying Canadian art."

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Barry Scott adjusts an E.J. Hughes painting on Thursday.

Descendants of Holocaust survivors stress need for memory

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

REMEMBRANCE Through piecing together stories heard from relatives, the current generation is keeping the memory alive as Holocaust Remembrance Day is commemorated this Sunday.

Brandon Huinink, 23, grew up hearing about the Westerbork concentration camp in Holland. His grandfather, Bernard Huinink, was sent there for hiding a Jew during the war until his neighbours told the Nazis.

Bernard was able to escape and while Brandon carries some of his grandfather's stories, he says he wishes he knew more.

"There's definitely things he left out," said Brandon. "It's just something he didn't talk that much about, but everybody just knew parts of the story because it had come out here and there."

If you go

- The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is hosting a commemorative event this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Survivor David Ehrlich is one of the guest speakers.

Brandon joined 31 of Bernard's descendents in Holland to see the camp in 2007. After Bernard died last year, he continued to stay in touch with the Jew saved by his grandfather.

Ben Kenner, 19, knows that his grandmother survived Auschwitz and his grandfather was part of the resistance in Russia. Neither talked much about their past.

"Of course I'll tell my children," Kenner said. "It's part of what you need to know as a Jew. (Everybody) has to know what happened."

Fleury's fight

Back from brink, ex-NHLer vows to protect young lives

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

Former hockey great Theo Fleury told a Vancouver audience on Thursday that he was one pulled trigger away from ending it all.

"I went back home, sat at the table, did a couple more lines of coke, drank some more booze and kind of sat there, stared at the gun for a long time," said Fleury at a luncheon auction for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

"Finally got the courage to load it up and I had it in my mouth, ready to pull the trigger."

What happened next was what he called "the moment of truth."

He chose life, and since that day in 2004, he has worked his way back to a sober life, even attempting a comeback with the Calgary Flames at the start of this season.

Fleury's speech centred on his biography, Playing with Fire, which chronicles his addiction and alleged sexual abuse by his former coach, Graham James.

It was discovered last week that James, who was convicted of sexual abuse in 1997, has been pardoned. Fleury expressed his disappointment but said it's now his mission to make sure children are protected.

"If the media, the law, the police, don't want to protect the children, then that's OK. I guess I just got nominated."

Theo Fleury

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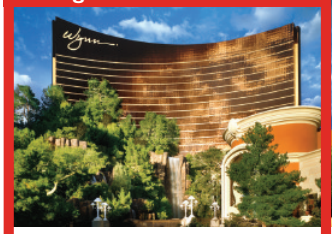

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Immigrants take advantage of strong loonie

The strong Canadian dollar has immigrants across Canada heading to banks and remittance companies to send money to their families overseas. The loonie reached parity with the U.S. dollar earlier this week. It retreated a bit since then but still stood at 99.79 cents US on Thursday morning. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Anti-abortion activist gets jail

An anti-abortion crusader in New Brunswick has been sentenced to 66 days in jail for refusing to pay fines stemming from a 2007 conviction for failing to file his tax returns. David Little said in provincial court Thursday that he will never file another tax return as long as there is tax-funded abortion in Canada, and won't pay the $3,000 in fines for failing to file returns for 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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MacKay takes Afghanistan leader to task over remarks

POLITICS Defence Minister Peter MacKay reinforced Ottawa's dismay with Hamid Karzai's Taliban musings in face-to-face meetings Thursday with senior members of the Afghan president's cabinet.

Even as he expressed his frustration to Afghanistan's defence and interior ministers, however, MacKay pledged an additional 90 Canadian soldiers and civilians to help train soldiers and police.

"We took every opportunity with Afghan ministers and Afghan officials to express Canada's disappointment over the president's comments," MacKay said from Kabul.

"Canada does not want to see the people of Afghanistan, who we have made a commitment to help and protect, punished because of ill-conceived remarks by President Karzai."

The comments come only one day after Prime Minister Stephen Harper took Karzai to task for a recent string of anti-Western rants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal **Pole position**

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Members of Le Cirque du Soleil perform in a preview of TOTEM, the latest production of the Montreal-based circus, Thursday in Montreal. TOTEM illustrates, through a visual and acrobatic language, the evolutionary progress of species.

PMO rejects Jaffer claim of access

The Prime Minister's Office is rejecting any suggestion that troubled former MP Rahim Jaffer might have had special access to the halls of power.

A feature story in The Toronto Star quoted an associate of Jaffer's telling business friends that the ex-politician could open doors for them.

Rahim Jaffer

The story also says Jaffer still handed out cards listing himself as an MP even after he had lost his seat in the 2008 election.

Jaffer's own website speaks of his expertise in securing support from the Canadian government for the energy company he helped fund.

The website also features a photo of him standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

A spokesman for Harper said the suggestion Jaffer had any special access is false and absurd. Other Conservatives also told The Canadian Press that there was no way Jaffer could have exerted any influence in Ottawa, as he was not a favourite of Harper's after the 2008 election.

Jaffer had lost his Edmonton seat to the NDP, a disappointment to the Conservatives, who had hoped for a clean sweep of the province. Jaffer pleaded guilty earlier this year to careless driving, following an incident last year in which he was initially charged with speeding, drunk driving and possession of cocaine. The Toronto Star reported that Jaffer had been drinking with friends that evening, and had driven home in the car of his wife and junior cabinet minister Helena Guergis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PQ leader Pauline Marois may provoke Ottawa's ire with visit to Haiti.

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Murder conviction restored in teen's sex slaying

COURTS Canada's top court has ruled against two men connected to the sex slaying of a young Edmonton teen.

The Supreme Court of Canada judges ruled unanimously in both cases relating to the death of 13-year-old Nina Courtepatte.

They restored the first-degree murder conviction of Joseph (Snowman) Laboucan, 23, and dismissed an appeal by Michael Briscoe, 38, ordering him to face a new trial. Laboucan and Briscoe were originally tried jointly.

Courtepatte was lured to a secluded golf course in Edmonton, where she was raped and killed in April 2005. At trial two years later, Laboucan was convicted of first-degree murder, but Alberta's appeal court overturned that conviction. Briscoe was found not guilty of first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault, but the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned his acquittal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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OILSANDS DEATHS Government documents show that animals other than ducks have died at Alberta's oilsands site. Documents obtained by Greenpeace under freedom of information legislation show that at least 164 other animals died during oilsands operations between 2000 and 2008.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES People with both mental illness and an addiction would benefit from a pulling together of services to treat and care for them, suggests a new report that calls for a national approach to the problem.

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Sex offenders off the hook?

New rules may stymie searches

Some churches and volunteer groups have stopped screening for potential pardoned sex offenders such as Graham James due to tightened rules on police database searches.

Stricter privacy around criminal records has made it far more cumbersome for society to weed out volunteers and employees who should not be working with the vulnerable.

The RCMP clamped down on access to the Canadian Police Information Centre database last December,

The criminal screening issue is getting widespread attention due to revelations that James — a former junior hockey coach who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting two players and now faces allegations from others — was pardoned in 2007.

"The system is actually broken at this point in time, there's no other way to basically describe it," said Dannie Wilson, president of the Canadian Association of Professional Background Screeners.

Roger Wingfield, vice-president and general manager of Toronto-based Brokerforce Insurance Inc., says 1,000 churches his firm insures are in limbo.

"The system is actually broken at this point in time." Dannie Wilson

"We've got people who are going to shut down their ministries and doing the (volunteer) work because they can't get proper screening," said Wingfield.

"Or they're going to use people who may have some problems."

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A wizard show **The Weasleys cast a spell in Canada**

KRIS RUSHOWY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hogwarts has landed at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Here, actors James and Oliver Phelps, who have played Fred and George Weasley, open the Harry Potter exhibit. It features 200 costumes, props and artifacts from the Potter movies.

Big push on for the tax Harper hates

FINANCE Canadians will hear a lot more about the need for a global tax on financial transactions.

A grassroots campaign in favour of the transaction tax has spread quickly throughout Europe.

Now, the labour movement is bringing the cause in serious way to Canada in the hopes of influencing the G20 summit in Toronto at the end of June.

The goal is to have G20 governments agree to a minuscule tax on every trade in stocks, bonds, currencies and derivatives.

The proceeds would be put in a global fund directed at poor countries or climate change.

The tax would also encourage traders to think twice before engaging in reckless behaviour.

"We want to make the case for it because we think the case is extraordinarily strong," said Guy Ryder, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper — who is in charge of the G20 agenda — has refused to entertain such a notion.

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Where's the beef? That man over there took it!

A German meat supplier has found a novel solution to unpaid bills: repossessing the steaks right off diners' plates. Police in the western city of Aachen said yesterday that a dispute over money ended with the man grabbing his wares off the plates of some 20 bemused restaurant guests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sex Pistols' ex-manager dies

The former manager of the Sex Pistols and one of the seminal figures of the punk rock era, Malcolm McLaren, died Thursday, his son said. He was 64. Joe Corre said his father died of an aggressive form of cancer in Switzerland, declining to give the exact location. McLaren is best known for his work with the Pistols, whose anti-establishment antics shocked Britain and revolutionized the world music scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sudan **Hungriest place on Earth**

JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-year-old Dhoah Thoan in a hospital ward in Akobo, south-eastern Sudan yesterday. Two years of failed rain and tribal clashes in the region have laid foundations for a humanitarian crisis the UN mission dubs the "hungriest place on Earth." where almost 46 per cent of children in the region are malnourished.

Rio slide buries 200

At least 200 people were buried under tons of mud and feared dead on Thursday after a slum built atop a former landfill gave way in the latest deadly landslide to hit metro Rio de Janeiro.

If confirmed, the deaths would raise the toll sharply from the 153 people already known to have died this week in slides triggered by record rains.

Pedro Machado, subsecretary of Rio state's Civil Defence department, told Globo TV that as many as 60 houses and at least 200 people were buried in the Morro Bumba slum in Niteroi, a city of about 500,000 just across the bay from Rio.

"In our experience, it's an instant death" for anyone caught in such a slide, Machado said.

The shantytown was built on a former garbage dump where trash had accumulated for decades, making the ground there especially unstable and susceptible to the heavy rains, said Agostinho Guerreiro, president of Rio's main association of engineers and architects.

"It is very fragile soil. It couldn't hold (the rain). The houses came down, destroying the ones below them," Guerreiro told Globo.

"It was a tragedy foretold."

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Still hope for trapped miners

RESCUE Levels of noxious gas dropped Thursday in a coal mine where 25 workers died in an explosion, giving rescuers hope that they might be able to get inside soon to look for four still missing.

Teams spent more than four hours working their way through the Upper Big Branch mine by rail car and on foot in the morning, but had to turn back because of an explosive mix of gases in the area they needed to search.

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin said Thursday evening that the levels were near those considered safe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TREATY U.S. President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed the biggest nuclear arms pact in a generation on Thursday, pledging both nations to slash their stores of nuclear warheads.

WHISTLEBLOWER Israel lifted months of censorship on a military espionage case Thursday, confirming the house arrest of Anat Kamm, charged with leaking more than 2,000 military documents to a newspaper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is revisionism at work in Virginia over history of slavery?

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Whizzinator seller sentenced

A 67-year-old California man who spent six years in prison for marijuana trafficking in the 1980s will spend six months in prison for selling a male prosthetic that helped men cheat on drug tests. George Wills sold a product called the Whizzinator along with a synthetic urine that could be used to fill the device. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Gone in an instant**

KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fire in a slum in Ghazipur, on the outskirts of New Delhi, ravaged through about 600 homes on Thursday. No casualties were reported. The fire apparently started after a power transmission line fell, according to the fire department.

Producer detained after wife's death

'Person of interest,' says Mexican official

Pimp My Ride and former Survivor producer Bruce Beresford-Redman was detained Thursday as a suspect in his wife's death days after reporting her missing in the resort city of Cancun, a Mexican official said.

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Bruce and Monica Beresford-Redman

The body of Monica Beresford-Redman was found Thursday in a sewer at the swanky Moon Palace resort where the family was on vacation, according to Bello Rodriguez, the outgoing attorney general for Quintana Roo state, where Cancun is located.

Rodriguez said a security guard at the hotel saw the couple arguing Monday night.

Beresford-Redman had scratches on his neck and officials were conducting toxicology tests to determine whether he had consumed drugs, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez's successor, Francisco Alor, said he would describe Beresford-Redman as a "person of interest" rather than a suspect.

"He's the initial focus of the investigation based on their alleged turbulent relationship," Alor said.

The cause of death has not been determined.

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Thai PM hits at media

PROTESTS Thailand's beleaguered government shut down a satellite television station and websites of anti-government demonstrators Thursday after declaring a state of emergency, then issued arrest warrants for protest leaders accused of storming Parliament.

The defiant Red Shirts, attempting to drive Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva from office and force new elections, planned another mass rally Friday despite the emergency order that empowers the military to move against large gatherings.

"What the government wants is peace and happiness," Abhisit said in televised remarks late Thursday. He said the government had clamped down on opposition media that were "manipulating information that is creating hate."

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News in brief

LAW Pakistan's lower house of parliament unanimously approved a constitutional amendment Thursday that strips the president of powers inherited from the country's former military ruler, a key step in implementing a long-standing opposition demand that could reduce pressure on the U.S.-allied leader. The bill must now pass the Senate and be signed by the president.

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Attorney accuses alleged rape victim, 7, of making up story

CRIME The attorney for one of five suspects accused of gang-raping a seven-year-old New Jersey girl says the child was not raped.

Attorney Robin Lord suggested Thursday in court that the girl was pressured to give a false account of what happened at a party.

Lord is representing 20-year-old Gregory Leary, who was ordered held on half-a-million dollars' bail.

Leary is also accused of statutory rape and endangering the welfare of a child. Trenton police say he also had sex with the girl's 15-year-old stepsister.

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Hydro-Quebec has record year

Quebec-owned utility Hydro-Quebec reported a record profit of more than $3 billion for 2009, the highest in its history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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It's 'adapt or die'

Strong loonie poses a challenge for businesses

The strong Canadian dollar is forcing businesses into an unhappy choice, says a new study — do the hard slogging and adapt, or do nothing and die.

With the loonie now expected to hover around parity for years, the Conference Board of Canada says firms that innovate, invest and go international will prosper, and those that don't — particularly manufacturers — will rust away.

The adjustment will be painful for both businesses and the Canadian economy, the think-tank says, but there is no longer any choice.

"We're having a challenge right now that people are loving us to death," said report author Glen Hodgson, the board's chief economist. "The world sees Canada as a safe place to invest. That's why we think, along with many others, that the dollar is going to be strong for a long time."

For many businesses, "It's adapt or die," he added.

Some firms have begun making the necessary adjustments, as reflected by an increase in foreign-based inputs and diversification in markets.

This week Statistics Canada noted Canadian exports to the United States dropped precipitously during the recession in 2009 due to a fall-off of demand. But, a closer look shows exports to the U.S. had been declining even before the recession.

Meanwhile, exports to other countries have risen 25 per cent since 2005, even counting last year's decline, while sales to China have kept going north, rising by 55 per cent in the past five years.

That has coincided with a period in which the Canadian dollar has appreciated a whopping 60 per cent against the U.S. currency, but remained relatively stable against other currencies.

Hodgson believes some Canadian executives know what needs to be done, while others "don't get it."

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Job losses

- UBS Securities estimates the loonie's rise since 2002 has hit exports by 14 percentage points, with a loss of 553,000 Canadian manufacturing jobs.

Interest rates are likely to remain low

BANKING A new report from CIBC World Markets says that Canada's interest rates should remain "very low" by historical standards through 2011, even if the Bank of Canada raises rates. The report suggests that overnight rates will likely hold at around 1.25 per cent until the end of this year, and probably won't go any higher than 2.5 per cent by the end of 2011.

Avery Shenfeld, the bank's chief economist, says rates could also remain low in order to stimulate the economy.

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Banking **Scotiabank AGM**

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Scotiabank CEO Rick Waugh, left, and director John Mayberry at the bank's annual general meeting Thursday in St.John's, N.L. Waugh says Canadian banks could be weakened by stricter international regulations.

Housing markets starting to heat up

HOUSING There are signs that some of Canada's major house markets have become overheated, although most others have shown a more healthy rate of moderate growth, according to a national real-estate sales organization.

Average prices were up more than 10 per cent across Canada in the first quarter, according to the Royal LePage survey released yesterday.

But Vancouver and Toronto prices rose much more dramatically — about 20 per cent in some cases — and the head of Royal LePage Real Estate suggested they may have risen too far in those local markets.

The survey found that, on a national basis, the average price of a detached bungalow in Canada rose to just over $329,000 in the first three months of this year — up 11 per cent from the first quarter of 2009.

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Comment

HST fight likely just about legacy

UrbanCompass

Get yer pitch fork, yer torch and yer rope. It's time to saddle up and stop that dad-burned HST.

Or words to that effect.

As much as I don't want to spoil Bill Vander Zalm's last ride — after all, the former premier and king of Fantasy Gardens is 75, so his anti-HST campaign is probably his sunset encore — I'm not sure what the fuss is about.

Bill may indeed be suffering from intolerance to further taxation, believing it falls to him to round up the posse and apprehend that varmint Gordon Campbell before he strikes again. You have to admire his gumption: He's got 90 days to sign up 10 per cent of all the names in all 85 B.C. ridings in order to force government recall legislation. And as a number of pundits have already pointed out, even if he does force a recall, the government only has to table the legislation and let it die on the order paper. Crisis averted.

This is probably more about Bill's legacy than the HST. He's now more likely to go down in B.C. annals as Robin Hood, instead of Robbin' Hood, that guy who resigned the premiers' office in disgrace after being found in conflict of interest over the sale of Fantasy Gardens.

It looks as if Vander Zalm is at least influencing attitudes — 82 per cent of British Columbians polled by Angus Reid oppose the tax. This despite evidence, in study after study, that the net effect of an HST is revenue neutral.

Here's just one: A task force on the economy headed by competitiveness expert Roger Martin of the Rotman School of Management in Toronto found the HST will lower taxes overall as "increased revenue from the harmonized sales tax is matched by reductions in corporate and personal taxes and by tax credits."

It's easy to blame Bill for teaming up with Chicken Little, but the real failure lies in the Campbell government's breathtaking inability to make the case for the HST. It's as if they think we're too stupid to understand the mechanism of a value-added tax as opposed to the less competitive provincial sales tax, which gets hidden in prices and passed on to you and me.

Instead, the government confuses the issue by claiming the HST will pay for health care, which could only happen indirectly. And then there's the whopper Campbell told before the election: "HST? What HST?" Talk about Robbin' Hood.

The HST may actually save you money and stimulate investment in B.C., creating jobs, just as the government claims. But that's not going to stop Bill's Last Ride. Now, where's my pitchfork…

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Views

Credit score falling? Insurance rates may rise

Marketplace

When Dave Frederick's home insurance premium came up for renewal, he got a nasty surprise. The new rate on his Blenheim, Ont., home almost doubled, so he set out to find out why. You might be surprised by what he discovered.

Like many Canadians, Frederick lost his job in the recession. He's recently had to declare bankruptcy, but has managed to hold onto his house. He says he's never missed an insurance payment. When he asked his insurance company why his rate hike was so high, they told him they now factor in your credit score when determining your premium.

Plenty of Canadian insurance companies have started using credit scores to help set your rates, saying the lower your score, the more likely you are to make claims. Just say you lose your job, you might hold off on fixing your roof. There's a bad storm, and your roof leaks. You're more likely to make a claim.

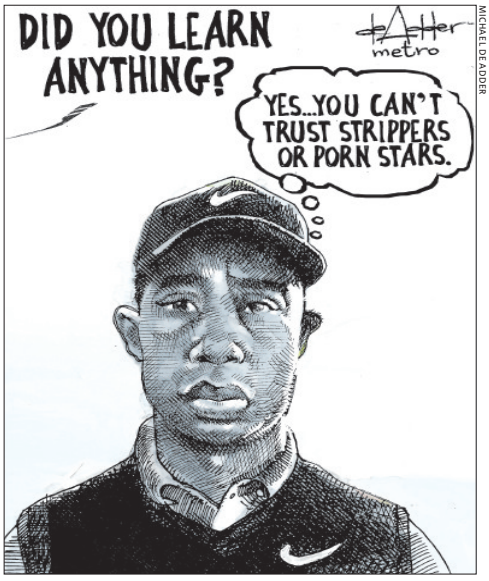
Frederick says it doesn't make sense. "I'm not going to start making claims because I'm unemployed. I mean it makes me no money."

It doesn't make sense to most people. A Marketplace poll conducted by Vision Critical found 87 per cent of Canadians don't think insurance companies should be using credit scores. About the same number polled didn't know insurance companies were checking them out.

So, are you paying higher rates because of your credit score? Here are few things to check:

- Check your insurance rates. Have they jumped recently? If so, your credit score could be the reason.
- You can check your credit scores with companies such as Equifax or TransUnion. If your score seems low, ask why. The agency might be able to suggest ways of improving it.
- Ask your insurance company if it uses your credit score as a factor in determining your rate. Not all companies do, so if you're not happy with the practice, shop around.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Koe loses to Norway

Canada's Kevin Koe lost to Norway in his final round-robin game at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship. But the Edmonton skip will get another crack at Thomas Ulsrud on Friday when the two rinks play for a spot in the final. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Brewers lock up Gallardo

The Milwaukee Brewers have gotten used to calling Yovani Gallardo, left, their ace. Now he's got a contract that keeps him in the fold with plenty of time to prove it. Gallardo agreed Thursday to a $30.1-million US, five-year deal that could be worth $42.5 million over six seasons.

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Two top fighters are heavy favourites

UFC Two of the men considered to be the best pound-for-pound mixed martial artists are heavy favourites on Saturday when the UFC hosts its first card in Abu Dhabi.

Middleweight champion Anderson Silva (undefeated in 10 UFC appearances) takes on jiu-jitsu black belt Demian Maia in the co-main event while BJ Penn, who hasn't lost as a lightweight in almost 10 years, defends his title against Frankie Edgar.

The event, the first to be held in an outdoor arena, also sees the return of two MMA legends when Renzo Gracie steps into the octagon against Matt Hughes.

In Vancouver, UFC 112 will be shown live on pay-per view at 10 a.m. and re-broadcast later at 7 p.m.

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Canucks lose to Sharks

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Joe Thornton scored his first goal since returning from a lower-body injury and the San Jose Sharks moved a step closer to clinching the top spot in the Western Conference with a 4-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday night.

Joe Pavelski, Manny Malhotra and Logan Couture also scored for the Sharks, who lead Chicago by two points heading into the final weekend of the regular season. But the Blackhawks have a game in hand and the tiebreaker edge, meaning the Sharks still need help to be assured of the No. 1 seed.

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Joe Pavelski of the San Jose Sharks is checked by Nolan Baumgartner of the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday.

While the game was of big importance to the Sharks, the Northwest Division champion Canucks are locked in as the third seed for the playoffs and gave goalie Roberto Luongo and defenceman Sami Salo the night off.

Pavel Demitra and Andrew Alberts scored for the Canucks.

Henrik Sedin had an assist, giving him 108 points on the season — two more than Washington's Alex Ovechkin.

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Tiger makes stirring return after scandal

AUGUSTA Tiger Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday, his best score ever on the first day of the Masters despite a five-month layoff tied to a sex scandal.

Woods made eagles at the eighth and 15th holes — the first time he's had multiple eagles in a Masters round. Also, he had never started with a score lower than 70 until Thursday, when he put himself just two strokes behind the surprising leader, 50-year-old Fred Couples.

"Why play if you don't think you're going to win?" Woods said. "If I don't think I can win, I won't enter the event."

The world's No. 1 player is off to a good start for his fifth green jacket, and his score could have been even lower. He lipped out four putts.

Still, no complaints after being away from the game so long and enduring plenty of ridicule over his personal life, which fell apart after a November night car crash led to revelations of multiple extramarital affairs.

Even so, he heard nothing but cheers from the Augusta National fans.

"It was unbelievable, the whole day," Woods said.

"The people, I haven't heard them cheer this loud in all my years coming here. It certainly helped keep my spirits up."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., the 2003 champion, shot a 1-under 71. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tiger Woods hits off the first fairway during the first round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., on Thursday.

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Minnesota 2 Calgary 1 (SO)
Tampa Bay 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
Boston 3 Buffalo 1
Dallas 3 Anaheim 2 (SO)
Florida 3 New Jersey 2
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San Jose 4 **VANCOUVER** 2

NBA

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 109 Cleveland 108
Sacramento 116 L.A. Clippers 94
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MLB

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS

Toronto 3 Texas 1
Detroit 7 Kansas City 3
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THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS

Cincinnati 2 St. Louis 1
L.A. Dodgers 10 Pittsburgh 2
Washington 6 Philadelphia 5
Chicago Cubs 2 Atlanta 0
Florida 3 N.Y. Mets 1

Sports in brief

MLS Major League Soccer has increased the size of rosters from 24 to 26 per team to boost the signing of local "homegrown" players. The league said Thursday it will allow teams to sign homegrown players from their youth programs to Generation Adidas contracts without those players having to go through the draft.

LIONS The B.C. Lions appointed Dennis Skulsky president and chief executive officer Thursday. Skulsky will become the club's 29th president when he formally assumes the job May 1. Skulsky is presently the president and CEO of Canwest Publishing. Skulsky will replace Bob Ackles, who held the position until his death in July 2008 of a heart attack at age 69.

NHL The NHL awarded the 2011 all-star game to the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday. The game originally was to be played in Phoenix, but when the Coyotes filed for bankruptcy, the league re-opened its options.

BURNS A Montreal radio station says it has been told by Pat Burns' wife that the former NHL coach has left a Florida hospital. CKAC says Burns has returned home after being in hospital since last Sunday because of complications from his terminal lung and colon cancer. Burns lives in Florida and is a regular contributor to a morning sports show on CKAC.

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Movies

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⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ A CLASSIC; ⊕⊕⊕⊕ EXCELLENT; ⊕⊕⊕ GOOD; ⊕⊕ FAIR; ⊕ POOR

TV superstars Steve Carell and Tina Fey put their comic timing to full use in Date Night.

Date Night to remember

Date Night
Director: Shawn Levy
Stars: Tina Fey, Steve Carell
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell.

After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, directed by an often critically-aloof filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex.

The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan.

Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops with ties to the mafia escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive.

From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which soon generates for the twosome a race through Central Park, an awkward pole dance in a strip club, a quirky "Siamese" car chase, and the recurring and perpetually shirtless Mark Wahlberg (as a sympathetic security expert).

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As inventive as that may sound however, those sequences would be nowhere if not for Carell and Fey spicing up the script with authentic chemistry and an immaculate sense of timing.

They indeed perfect the nuances of suburbanites in over-their-head with the same loveable charm that has made them respective TV stars.

In fact, a hilarious string of outtakes over the end-credits even alludes that the pair may have actually improvised the film's best moments.

Director Shawn Levy (The Pink Panther) is smart to let his leads carry the picture and by focusing on keeping the action fast-paced (the movie is a tight 87 minutes), he makes this Date Night definitely one to remember.

Flaws keep Captain from taking flight

Captain Abu Raed
Director: Amin Matalqua
Stars: Nadim Sawalha
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Clothes — or, rather, a hat — make the man in Jordanian director Amin Matalqua's gentle comedy, in which a widowed old duffer (Nadim Sawalha) becomes a hero to a group of local urchins on account of the pilot's cap that he plucked out of the dustbin.

It's a cute idea, and the scenes in which Sawalha's eponymous protagonist spins barely credible tales of cockpit glory are genuinely charming, with the actor evincing equal measures of mischief and melancholy.

The film stumbles, though, once the deception is revealed and a chastened Abu tries to inveigle himself into the family lives of his young admirers.

The script's focus shifts from a genuinely moving notion — an old man reliving the adventurous youth he never had — towards more conventionally melodramatic territory, and a subplot involving one boy's abusive home life is so overwrought that it nearly scuttles the story altogether.

The film's visual equilibrium is similarly disrupted, as the elegant camerawork of the early movements gives way to self-consciously shaky imagery, a sure sign of a director trying to artificially heighten the stakes.

As one of the first Jordanian directors with any sort of profile in North America, Matalqa has the potential to be a relevant figure. Next time out, he needs to show more trust in his material — and in his audience.

A scene from Jordan's Captain Abu Raed.

High hopes for Hong Kong's X-Cops

SCI-FI With the market inundated with kung fu and historical epics, Andy Lau hopes his new sci-fi movie will break new ground for Chinese-language cinema.

The 48-year-old actor-singer attended the premiere for Future X-Cops in his native Hong Kong late Wednesday, describing his role as a police officer in 2085 who travels to 2015 to protect a teenager destined to become a prominent scientist.

"I think we've taken the first step in making sci-fi movies. I hope more people will try to shoot these kinds of films. I hope our skill and ability will improve and pull us closer to Western sci-fi movies," Lau said.

Lau said he wore a green jumpsuit during shooting so a computer-generated armour could be applied onto his body. "We wanted to present something new to audiences.

"I think we've taken the first step in making sci-fi movies. I hope more people will try to shoot these kinds of films."
Andy Lau

People have seen many action movies. They've seen many comedies," director Wong Jing said.

But Future X-Cops, which co-stars actresses Fan Bingbing and Barbie Hsu, faces a tough challenge coming shortly after the massive success of Avatar, the James Cameron 3-D epic that went on to become the global box office champion of all-time. It was also a huge hit in mainland China.

Future X-Cops is also Lau's first release since he was exposed for lying about his marriage, which was seen by some as a ploy to maintain his appeal by projecting the image of a bachelor. The veteran entertainer denied that he was married in a TV interview last February, but Hong Kong journalists tracked down marriage records that showed he wed his Malaysian girlfriend Carol Chu in the U.S. in June 2008.

But Lau's popularity appear unaffected at the Hong Kong premiere on Wednesday. He was cheered on by about 200 squealing fans after he emerged on an outdoor stage near a popular mall in the Causeway Bay shopping district.

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Kitsch picked for Battleship

Taylor Kitsch — the card-flicking Gambit from X-Men Origins: Wolverine — has signed on to star in Battleship, the board-game adaptation Peter Berg will be directing. IMDB.COM

Laughter in big city blues

Jack Lemmon played a hapless Ohio man caught in big, bad New York City in the original version of The Out-of-Towners.

If you've only ever seen New York projected onto a screen it's understandable that you may have a skewed idea of what the city is all about. Charles Bronson made a career of showing the city's down, dirty and dangerous side in the Death Wish films and The Warriors didn't exactly earn high marks from the NYC Tourist Bureau.

Even comedies frequently paint the Big Apple as a scary place. Sure, romantic comedies make the city look great but there is a tradition of setting hapless comedic characters loose in Gotham with predictably chaotic — for instance, see After Hours, a Kafkesque Martin Scorsese trip through the mean streets of NYC — though funny results.

This weekend's Date Night sees two of television's funniest actors, Tina Fey and Steve Carell, as an average married couple who get pulled into New York's seedy underbelly after a case of mistaken identity.

It's a funny premise that breathes the same air as another forty year old film. Neil Simon originally planned to write the story of Gwen and George (Sandy Dennis and Jack Lemmon), an Ohio couple who experience the worst of NYC life, as a chapter in his Broadway play Plaza Suite, but as the tale grew to include a series of calamities, the playwright realized he needed a larger canvas and wrote it directly for the screen.

The Out-of-Towners (later remade starring Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin) set the template for the indignant, put-upon NYC tourist comedy. In this story even the police sympathize with — and maybe even envy — the unlucky day-trippers.

"You folks live out of town?" asks Officer Meyers.

"Oh yes," replies Gwen.

"You're lucky," says the cop.

Gwen and George can't even catch a break when they flee the city. On the plane home they get hijacked to Cuba.

King Shadov, an exiled king played by Charlie Chaplin in A King in New York has better luck, but just barely. Shot in 1957 but not released until 1973 because of its rapier jabs at American culture, the film follows a monarch who arrives in NYC only to discover his bank accounts have been drained.

Broke and on unfamiliar terrain he clashes with the American way-of-life, denouncing rock and roll, CinemaScope and Joseph McCarthy's communist hunt.

It's one of Chaplin's best — although lesser known — films and would make a great double feature with Date Night.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those newfangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Chloe

REVIEW Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work. Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years. Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to re-eroticize a marriage."

Richard Crouse/For Metro Canada

The Crazies

REVIEW The Crazies deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name. But the fiends in The Crazies are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie."

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Harold & Kumar directors drop out

Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg, writers of both Harold and Kumar films to date, and directors of the second, have confirmed that they won't be behind the camera for A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Andy Garcia plays the patriarch of a family with too many secrets in City Island.

City Island endearing

City Island

Director: Raymond De Felitta
Stars: Andy Garcia, Emily Mortimer
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

City Island is a family farce with just enough stinging truths and strong performances to avoid being dismissed as yet another wacky indie comedy in the Little Miss Sunshine vein.

It's fairly simple and undemanding entertainment, but with enough wit and heart to be worthwhile. The film would have been an indie darling 10 or 15 years ago, but now sadly seems marginalized as that wave of alternative American filmmaking dries up.

Andy Garcia stars in a surprisingly controlled and warm performance (despite a wonky accent) as a prison guard and head of a family with one too many secrets.

He's harbouring dreams of being an actor and secretly takes night classes; his daughter flunked out of college and now strips to work her way back in; and his underachieving son has a fetish for larger ladies that he feeds by obsessing over a neighbour.

The tensions in the family are simmering from the beginning and everything boils over when Garcia brings home a recently released convict who also secretly happens to be his forgotten and abandoned son.

The kind ex-con soon starts flirting with his unknown stepmother, Garcia spends a little too much time with his female acting class partner (a sadly underused Emily Mortimer), the family notices a certain daughter's new breast implants, and other tensions build to a breaking point.

In traditional farce fashion it all climaxes to one massive emotional outburst where all the truths are revealed.

Everything wraps up a little too quickly and neatly to be believable, but they joy of this type of comedy is the journey and not the destination.

The final product might feel more like a collection of funny scenes and characters than a satisfying piece of storytelling, but when the results are this charming and entertaining it's hard to complain.

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-Chris Knight, NATIONAL POST

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POLITICS Actor Michael Caine offered support Thursday for a Conservative Party proposal of a civilian service program — drawing on his working-class roots to appeal for help for disaffected youths.

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Scott gathers killer combo

Tony Scott is looking to gather one hell of a leading trio for his next movie, crime drama Potzdamer Platz. If it all comes together, we could actually see the combo of Jason Statham, Mickey Rourke and Javier Bardem in one film. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Reel Time

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'She's a fighter, she's a survivor'

Swedish actress admires the spunk of Lisbeth Salander

You can't read her p-p-p-poker face — and don't try figuring out her tattoo, either.

As Lisbeth Salander, the genius sociopath computer hacker of Sweden's phenomenal Millennium thriller trilogy of novels by the late Stieg Larsson, Noomi Rapace is like a cyberpunk Lady Gaga, minus the lust for fame.

Her nose, eyebrow, lips and ears are covered with piercings. A shock of black hair covers nearly half her face and a ring of spikes adorns her neck.

Then there's her full-back body painting, a mysterious icon that looks as if it were created in Satan's own needle den.

It's the main image of The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, the book and now movie (opening next Friday) that introduced Lisbeth Salander to the world, creating a franchise that rivals Twilight and The Da Vinci Code for blockbuster sales and fan devotion.

The book has sold 30 million copies worldwide in 44 languages, more than 350,000 copies in Canada. The film, the first of three, has already grossed $100 million (U.S.).

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo opens next Friday

Everything about Salander only gets weirder, as does the Larsson series through the remaining volumes of the Millennium trilogy, The Girl Who Played With Fire and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest.

How much of this is the punk, and how much is the real Rapace? It's a little bit of both, actually.

Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist star in The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo.

The self-taught Swedish actress, who successfully fought all comers to grab one of the hottest casting assignments of the 21st century, admits to having both an aggressive and a "girly" side to her.

Her first name is pronounced "know-me," but that's hard to do.

"The piercings were real, but not the tattoos!" a laughing Rapace, 30, said from London

"When I was 14 or 15, I had many interesting piercings and I was some kind of punk rocker. And I have always been on my own. I moved from my mother's and my stepfather's when I was 15 and have been taking care of myself since I was young. So I think that I'm also a survivor and I'm pretty stubborn."

Rapace began acting at age seven after taking a non-speaking role in a Swedish film. Her work since then has been mostly on stage or TV, but her award-winning performance as a downward-spiralling teen mom in the harrowing 2007 Danish film Daisy Diamond added "movie star" to her many accolades.

Rapace is well known across Scandinavia — she gets stopped in the streets for autographs — but notoriety alone wasn't enough to land the role of Salander.

"I knew I could change into her, but I didn't think they could imagine how I would be able to transform myself. So I was very surprised when they called me and wanted me to come in and do an interview."

What is it, though, that made her want to play Salander, a character of such extremes? She commits acts of violence but she's also the victim of horrific brutality.

"I like the fact that she's a fighter. She's a survivor. She doesn't accept being a victim."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford aboard Cowboys & Aliens

Harrison Ford has joined the cast of Cowboys & Aliens, director Jon Favreau has confirmed. Based on the graphic novel, the movie will see Daniel Craig, Ford and Olivia Wilde going up against nasty invading aliens in the old west. EMPIRONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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Shine brings some simple pleasures

A Shine of Rainbows

Director: Vic Sarin
Stars: Aidan Quinn, Connie Nielsen, John Bell
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

KUMAR SAHA
Metro Canada

John Bell makes his feature film debut in Vic Sarin's A Shine of Rainbows.

You could call it predictable. But veteran Canadian filmmaker Vic Sarin's A Shine of Rainbows makes a virtue of its simple pleasures.

Take the storyline for instance. Based on a novel by Scottish writer Lillian Beckwith, the narrative revolves around eight-year-old Tomas (newcomer John Bell), who is picked up from a drab orphanage (is there any other kind?) by the resolutely maternal Maire O'Donnell (Connie Nielsen) and taken to her idyllic, rural home off the Irish coast.

Maire's opens her heart to the timid boy but her husband Alec (Aidan Quinn) rebuffs any efforts toward paternal bonding with an air of cold detachment. Of course, tragedy strikes and when it does, the limits of these newfangled relationships are tested in well-worn ways of your average family melodrama.

Sarin's symbolism is equally typical throughout the film, splashing shades of joy and uplift with rich reds and yellows and moments of despair with duller hues. In fact, the wardrobe choices for Maire — undoubtedly the film's beating heart — constantly reinforce the hopeful buoyancy of the film's title.

Most films would sink under the unbearable lightness of such PG-rated conventions.

But, in this case, the breathtaking visuals of Ireland's Donegal County (Sarin also handled the film's cinematography) and the director's clarity of vision, however modest, lift Rainbows out of its own triteness.

Both Quinn and Bell give adequate performances but it's Nielsen who packs the punch, pushing the film beyond its several made-for-TV moments.

Like Sarin's previous film Partition (2007), Rainbows doesn't aim to dazzle.

It's just happy to shine a little feel good light on you and your family.

Gay film takes 'risk' in Malaysia

CENSORSHIP Malaysia's first gay-themed movie could hit cinemas within months, its producer said, after government censors eased restrictions that have stifled the film industry here for decades.

Although the Malay-language movie won't have explicit sex or even kissing, its screening would be a huge step forward for freedom of popular media in this Muslim-majority country that many fear is coming under the influence of Islamic conservatism.

Dalam Botol, or In A Bottle, centres on a man whose relationship with his male partner crumbles after he undergoes sex change surgery, said Raja Azmi Raja Sulaiman, who produced the film and wrote the screenplay based on the experiences of her friend.

"We still don't know if the censors will allow our movie to be shown in the end."
Director Raja Azmi

"We are taking a risk," Raja Azmi, a longtime movie producer, said in an interview this week. "I'm very nervous. We still don't know if the censors will allow our movie to be shown in the end."

Raja Azmi submitted a preliminary script last year to the Film Censorship Board, which verbally approved it after advising her not to shoot scenes of men kissing or being in bed together.

Sodomy — even consensual — is punishable by 20 years in prison; prosecutions are rare, though the country's top opposition leader, Anwar Ibrahim, is currently on trial for allegedly sodomizing a male former aide in what he calls a fabricated, politically motivated charge.

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Screen Times

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Beavers (STC) A.M. Fri-Thu 11
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Fri-Thu 3
Journey to Mecca in the Footsteps of Ibn Battuta (STC) Fri-Thu 1
The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7-9 Sat 2-4:15-7-9 Sun 2-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 7

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Captain Abu Raed (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:35-6:50-9
Crazy Heart (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:15 Thu 1:30-4:10-9:15
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3-5-7:05-9:05
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:35
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:15-9:10
Rise Up (STC) Thu 7

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Cooking With Stella (STC) Fri 9:15 Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 8
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 7:10 Sun 1:30-4:05-7:10 Mon-Thu 5:40
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
The Last Station (14A) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05
Repo Men (18A) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:25
The Runaways (STC) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
A Single Man (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-3:50-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20
Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too? (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:15
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (G) Sat-Sun 10

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30 Mon-Thu 9:50
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:10-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Clash of the Titans (14A) DTS Digital Fri 7:15-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8
Date Night (PG) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7-9:30 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8:15
How to Train Your Dragon (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-7:45

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

24 City (STC) Sat 9:05 Wed 7
House (STC) Thu 7:8:45
Platform (STC) Sun 7
Still Life (STC) Sat 7 Mon 9:20
Unknown Pleasures (STC) Fri 7 Wed 9:10
The World (PG) Fri 9:10 Mon 6:45

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Chloe (18A) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Magical Mystery Tour (STC) Fri
Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation 2010 (STC) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Yellow Submarine (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Mon 6:30
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-5-8-10:45
Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Wed 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:25 Thu 11:35-10:25
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-6:40-9:40
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:20-2-4:45-7:40-10:30 No Passes Thu 2-4:45-7:40-10:30
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-1-2:30-4-5:10-7:10-7:50-9:50-10:40
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:10-7:30-10:10
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:20-7:20-10 Thu 1:15-4:20
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10-20 Mon 12:15-3:40-10:20 Tue-Wed 12:15-3:40-7:10-20 Thu 12:15-3:40-10:20
When You're Strange (STC) Thu 7

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Tue 2:10-5-7:40-10:20 Wed 2:10-5:10:20 Thu 2:10-5-7:40-10:20
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:25-9:50
City Island (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15-5:05-7:30-9:55
Cousins - Welad Elam (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:05
Formosa Betrayed (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:30-10:15
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:30-7:20-10:25
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10
Greenberg (14A) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
The Last Song (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:40-4:20-7:9:40 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:9:40
Max Manus (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-10
A Shine of Rainbows (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:55-4:25-7:05-9:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:55-4:25-9:45

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

In Search of Beethoven (STC) Mon-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Sun

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15 No Passes Fri 7:05-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:20-4-8 Mon-Thu 8
Chloe (18A) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat 3-7:10-9:40 Sun 12:10-3-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat 12:40-3:20-7:20-9:50 Sun 12:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Wed 7:20-9:50 Thu 7:20
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (G) Sat 1 Sun 4

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:35 Sat 1:35-4:20-7-9:35 Sun 1:35-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:10-9:45 No Passes Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:45 No Passes Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri 4:35-7:15-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:50-4:35-7:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:30-4:15-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55
The Last Song (G) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Mon 6:30
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:05
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30
Avatar (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:25-6:50-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:25-7:15-10 Thu 4:25-7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:45
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:55-9:40
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:30-10:30
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7-9:45 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:40-3-5:20-7:50-10:30 No Passes Thu 3-5:20-7:50-10:30 No Passes Thu 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35-10:10
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 12:45-4:15-7:20-10:35 Sat 4:15-7:20-10:35 Sun-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:20-10:35
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:45-9:35
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:30-8:10-15-10:40 Mon 1:15-4:10-7:30-10:15-10:40 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:30-8-10:15-10:40
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Wed 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:15 Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-1:35-4-4:30-7:05-7:25-9:55-10:25
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:55-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:55-7:10-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10:05
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (G) Sat 1 Sun 4

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 4:45-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:15
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11-1:35-4:15-7:20-10:05
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10-10:10
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-7:05-10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:30
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:10-1:30-4-6:55-9:35
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2-4:35-7-9:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Wed 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:50 Thu 11:45-2:20-4:40
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:45-4:20-6:50-9:25
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-7:30-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Avatar (14A) Fri 4-7:35-11 Sat 1-5-9 Sun 1-4:35-8 Mon-Thu 4-7:30
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Remember Me (STC) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Mon 6:30
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:45-6:50-9:40 Wed 3:45-6:50-9:40 Thu 12:15-3:45-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:45-10:40
Avatar (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-5-9
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:30-7:35-10:35
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3-7-9:45
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:30
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:55-12:30-2:30-3:30-5-7-7:45-9:55-10:25 No Passes Wed 11:55-2:30-3:30-5-7-7:45-9:55-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 11:55-12:30-2:30-3:30-5-7-7:45-9:55-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:50
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7:05-10:10 Mon 12:40-4:10:15 Tue-Thu 12:40-4-7:05-10:10
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:10-10:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:20-7:40-10:05-10:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Wed 12:10-3:20-6:50-9:30 Thu 12:10-3:20-6:50
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:20-5-7:30-10
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:15-10:10 Fri-Thu 12:20-3:15-6:45-9:35
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:40-6:55
Remember Me (STC) Fri 12:25-3:10-7:15-10:20 Sat 3:10-7:15-10:20 Sun 12:25-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:10-7:15-10:20
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:25-7:10-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-7:15-10:20
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (G) Sat 1 Sun 4

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Sat-Sun 12:15
Avatar (14A) Fri 5:20-8:30 Sat-Sun 2-5:20-8:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-6:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3-7:10-9:50
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-7:40-10:20
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:30
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-5-7:45-10:30
Date Night (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:50-10:10 No Passes Wed 4:50-7:50-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:10-6:45-9:20 Thu 12:30-3:10-6:45
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:35-10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:10-4:40-7:15-9:45
Jawani Zindabad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:10:15
Kick-Ass (18A) Thu 10
Lad Gaya Pecha (PG) Fri-Thu 12-6:40
The Last Song (G) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:50-7:30-10:05 Wed 3:50-7:30-10:05 Thu 12:45-3:50-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Prince (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:20-10:25
Sadiyaan (PG) Fri-Thu 3:20-9:40

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:10-9:55
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:55-9:35
Clash of the Titans (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4:7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-4:7-9:45
Date Night (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:25
Green Zone (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:10-4:35-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:10-4:35-7:25
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:15
Kick-Ass (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10
She's Out of My League (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-6:35-9:50
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (G) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 10

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

Date Night (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-9:35
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
The Last Song (G) Fri 7:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:30 Mon-Thu 3:30
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:20
Avatar (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-9
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:45-7:15-10:10 Mon-Tue 3:45-7:15-10:10 Wed 7:15-10:10 Thu 3:45-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Clash of the Titans (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:30-10:30
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1. The Sticky and Sweet Tour, Madonna; 2. Slash, Slash; 3. Valleys Of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix; 4. Last Call, Jeff Healey; 5. Soldier Of Love, Sade. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

A trip through loss

Corinne Bailey Rae hits road following death of her husband

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Corinne Bailey Rae had a career every artist dreams of. Her 2006 self-titled debut was selling like crazy — it sold close to two million copies worldwide and she was nominated for four Grammys that year.

But that all came to a grinding halt in December 2008, when her husband, musician Jason Rae, accidentally overdosed and died.

Rae doesn't like talking about those days. She refers to that period as a "break" or "time off" and never mentions her husband once during our interview. It's clear though that her time away from music was more than a temporary stop — she alludes that she was close to never playing again.

"I wasn't thinking like that, (about coming back)," she says. "I didn't think that far ahead."

In fact, starting to work again happened by accident she says. "I found myself playing guitar and instead of it being something to do to express myself I was trying to make stuff up again. It was really surprising to me, really nice and really unexpected. It was a combination of finding myself writing and listening back to what I've done before and being happy with it."

Corinne Bailey Rae's The Sea is an emotional trip through loss.

Although Rae didn't directly address what she's been through, she didn't have to — it's all over her new disc, The Sea. The record is an edgy, emotional trip through loss. You can feel her loneliness on album opener Are You Here. "Are you here, cause my heart recalls that it all seems the same," she laments in the song's chorus. On The Blackest Lily she sings, "Colour my heart, make it restart, I want it more than I ever knew."

The British songstress did say that it wasn't hard to open up. "I wanted to be truthful," she explains. "My music is mostly about self-expression. I wanted to make a record that was honest."

While it's much deeper lyrically than her debut, it's also a lot more diverse musically. She tackles R&B, pop, some psychedelia and, on Paper Dolls, with its '60s guitar riff straight up rock. It's not an angrier disc exactly, but The Sea definitely has an edge that her previous music lacked.

"I felt like I wanted to do something more aggressive," she reveals. "I wanted to stay soulful but be cheekier and dirtier. The opening riff to Paper Dolls was the first thing I wrote for the album."

There's no question she's jumping into her music and touring, and while she doesn't say it's to get away from her personal tragedy at home, it's hard not to think that the extensive touring she plans to do is her way of dealing with her loss.

"I think I'm going to play a lot," she says. "I want to do the work, I believe in the record and this disc suits being played live. That's why I think I can see us doing a lot of gigs. The record deserves it." And, perhaps, so does she.

In Concert

- Corinne Baiely Rae plays the Commodore Ballroom on Friday night.

The urban thump

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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With the warm weather and the opportunity to sleep with open windows comes the return of the Urban Thump Machine, those cars with the 1000-watt subwoofers that can be heard coming six blocks away, usually at about 2:30 a.m.

Music and cars have gone together for more than a hundred years. As far as anyone seems to remember, the first car radio actually predated radio itself. The Auto Wireless No. 1 was displayed at a fair in Missouri in 1904, more than two years before Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden figured out how to broadcast voice and music through the air. I'm guessing that it wasn't a big seller.

By the 1920s, it was possible to order a radio for your Chevy, but they were big, bulky, fragile things susceptible to spark interference from the engine, meaning the only way to actually listen to it was with the motor off. Then in 1930, Motorola demonstrated the 5T71, a radio that could both operate while the engine was running and survive the rough roads of the day. Listening to the radio in the car took off.

In 1956, Chrysler brands offered an in-dash turntable — seriously — that played both the new-ish 45 RPM singles as well as special discs running at 16 2/3 RPM that could only be purchased from dealerships. It wasn't until the 8-track appeared in 1966 model Fords that drivers had a reliable (well, comparatively reliable) format that allowed them to choose their own music while on the road.

The cassette player was a big improvement when it came along in the 1970s and reigned supreme until the 1990s when CD players became tough enough to withstand the harsh automobile environment. Meanwhile, the era of the in-dash cassette player has apparently ended. The 2010 Lexus SC430 convertible — apparently the last model from a major manufacturer to offer a cassette player as standard equipment — has a new stereo. It now comes with a six-pack changer.

And how long will the CD player last? Show me a car with a built-in iPhone dock and I just might buy it.

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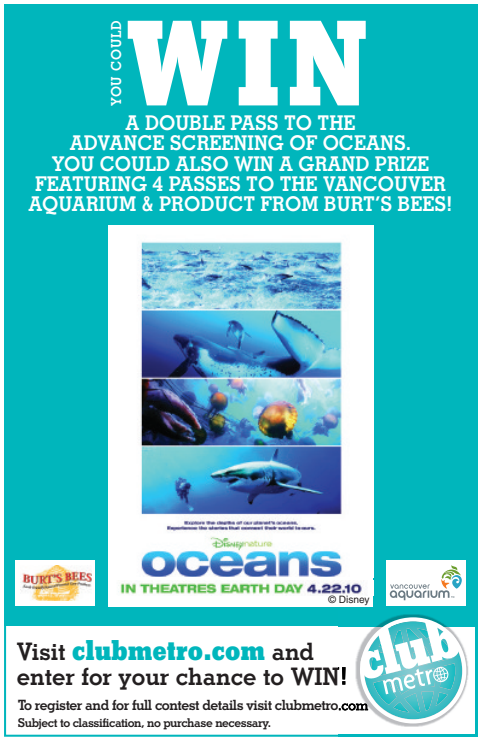

Top albums on the Billboard 200
1. Raymond V Raymond, Usher; 2. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 3. NOW 33, Various Artists; 4. New Amerykah Part Two: Return of the Ankh, Erykah Badu; 5. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Friends in the right places

Slash gets help from Fergie, Ozzy and a range of other singers on his new album

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Aviator shades, tight black ringlets and a foot-high top hat?

It's gotta be Slash.

Having founded legendary rock acts such as Guns N' Roses (GNR) and Velvet Revolver — not to mention penning some of the genre's most enduring tunes — guitarist Saul "Slash" Hudson is an unmistakable fixture in the annals of pop culture.

Still, while discussing the release of his 14-track eponymous solo effort, Hudson admits that even after a quarter-century in the spotlight, he's still a wreck when the curtain rises.

"I have butterflies every time I get on stage, man," he smiles sincerely, noting that such tension actually enhances his performances. "That kind of anticipation that makes you edgy; give it everything which is good, 'cause I think if (playing live) was like going to the bathroom for me, it'd be pretty boring."

Such apprehension is exactly what Hudson reveals culling inspiration from when creating his namesake record. Striving to break out of familiar confines without alienating fans, the album features an amalgam of his own inimitable sound/style and the voices of artists he felt best suited the riffs at hand regardless of background. End results range from the obvious (appearances by The Cult's Ian Astbury, Iggy Pop and Ozzy Osbourne) to surprising encounters with Black Eyed Peas chanteuse Fergie, members of Maroon 5, Avenged Sevenfold and Kid Rock.

"If I made a wish list of singers, it would be endless. I just wrote the music and thought about who would sound great singing on it. A lot of people wondered how the hell it was gonna work," he declares, confessing that he was one of them until hearing the final product. "It goes into certain directions but you don't get jerked into any particular style. I'm not forcing you to digest something you don't want to — I hope."

Then again, seeing as free lyrical reign was granted to each track's respective singer, Hudson realizes that maybe he is unwittingly imposing certain viewpoints. He doesn't mind though, so long as they're not offensive. To that extent, he notes finding a deep connection with Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale on By The Sword. Or so he thinks.

"I guess someone could have written something like when I had to deal with (racially-tinged GNR track) One In A Million back in the day and I would've been, 'Whoa!' But everybody did their own thing and I could relate to most of them personally, like Andrew's lyrics. (They're) about carrying the torch for rock 'n' roll; dropping the bullshit and peripheral crap and forging forward for rock 'n' roll. That's what being myself is all about."

"Then again," he laughs, "I never talked to Andrew and I don't even know if that's what the song means...but that's what it means to me and that's all that really matters, right?"

Debut of Slash

- He's recorded with Guns N' Roses, Slash's Snakepit and Velvet Revolver in the past, but Slash's self-titled new album is the first true solo album of his career.

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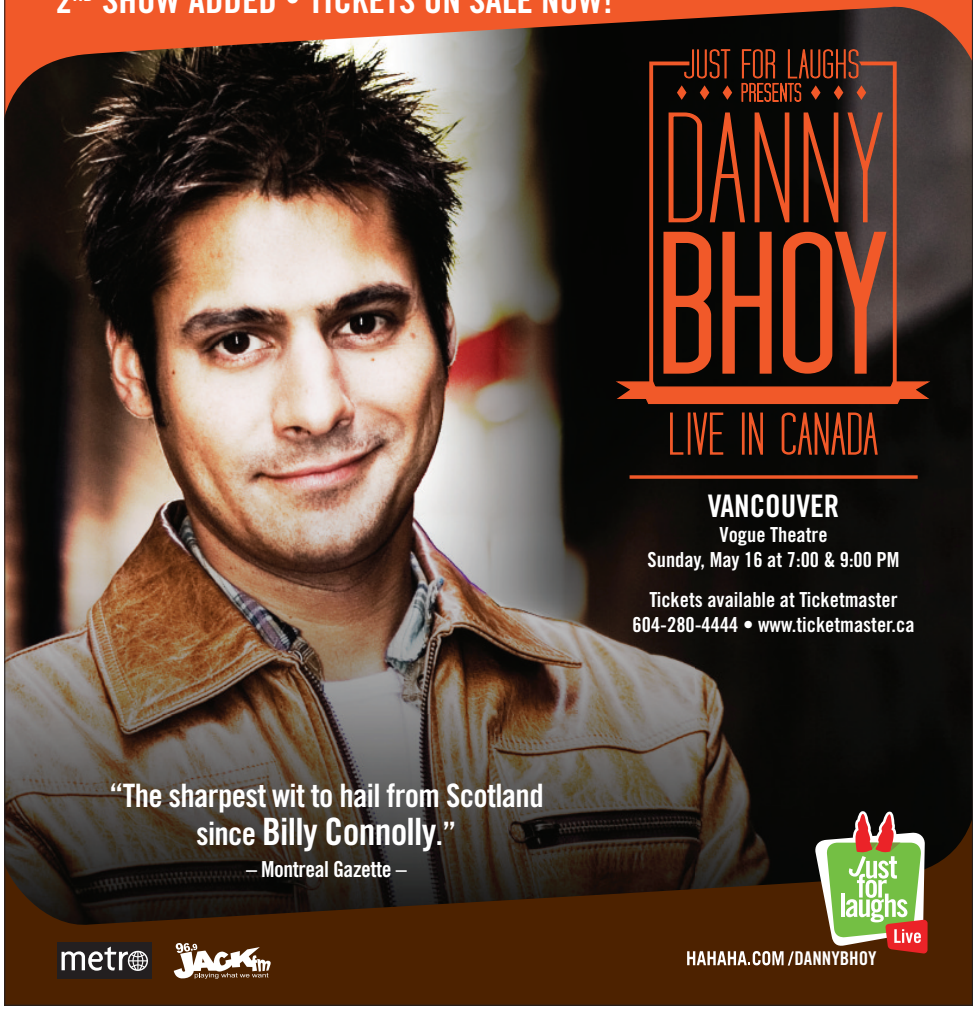

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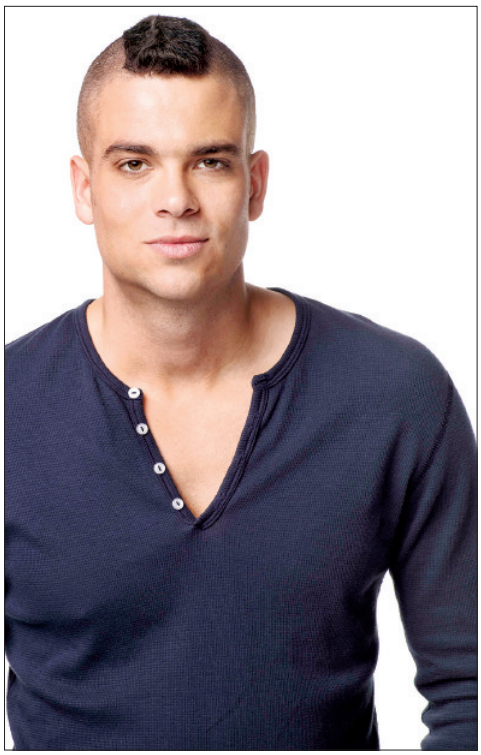
Meloni to stay on Law & Order

TV star Chris Meloni of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit says contrary to reports in February that he intended to leave the popular NBC TV show after shooting season 12, he has no plans to hand in his badge. USMAGAZINE.COM

Television



Glee star Mark Salling's attention-getting Mohawk was one of the reasons behind his casting on the hit show.

Mark Salling's gleeful break

Singer's hair landed him role of a lifetime on hit show

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

For Glee star Mark Salling, winning the role of high school bad boy Puck was all about the hair — an attention-grabbing Mohawk that made him stand out from the crowd.

"That was my idea for the audition. I wanted to set myself apart," says the Dallas, Texas, native. "They (the producers) decided to stick with it."

Salling, 27, might want to rethink dumping the hair though. You don't want to mess with success. And let's face it, it's been nothing but success so far for the fledgling series — which recently won a Golden Globe for best comedy/musical.

The show's appeal also appears to have no cultural barriers. On this day, Salling is fielding interviews from reporters in Australia, Spain, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Mexico and Singapore.

Still, for Salling — an established singer/musician who plays multiple instruments — the show remains a challenge.

"I wasn't in the glee club in school. I did more the traditional rock band," he says. "Music has always been a part of my life. But I'm not a dancer. Sometimes it is difficult. But that's why we have a great choreographer."

Salling doesn't see too much of himself in the character of tough guy Puck.

"At certain times I channel some of the douche bags I went to school with," he laughs. "I expect they'll be trying to soften him (Puck) a little in the future."

As for his own music career — he's already released an album — Salling counts Radiohead and Coldplay as influences, which isn't exactly in keeping with Glee's musical songbook.

Glee returns with a new episode Tuesday

Still, Salling wouldn't turn down the opportunity to write a song for the show.

"Well, I try not to press it," he says. "But I would consider it an honour if it happened."

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➤ MAKES: 7 SERVINGS, (2 STUFFED SHELLS (228 G))

What You Need

1 pkg. (227 g) fresh mushrooms, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 egg whites
1 pkg. (300 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
1 container (475 g) part-skim ricotta cheese
1 cup *Kraft* Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese, divided
1/3 cup *Kraft* 100% Parmesan Light Grated Cheese, divided
1 pkg. (250 g) manicotti shells (14 shells), cooked, drained
2 cups pasta sauce

Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.

HEAT nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat. Add mushrooms and garlic; cook 5 min., stirring frequently. Remove from heat.

Beat egg whites in medium bowl. Add mushroom mixture, spinach, ricotta and half each of the mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; mix well. Spoon into manicotti shells.

PLACE in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; cover with pasta sauce.

BAKE 40 min. or until heated through. Top with remaining cheeses; bake 5 min. or until mozzarella is melted.

Nutrition Information

Per Serving: 370 calories, 12g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 35mg cholesterol, 790mg sodium, 41g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fibre, 11g sugars, 23g protein, 35%DV vitamin A, 10%DV vitamin C, 40%DV calcium, 20%DV iron. Exchange: 2 Carbohydrates, 2 Meat & Alternatives, 1 Fats

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Scottish comedian stays true to his roots

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

COMEDY Most comics spend years performing, dreaming of the day they get booked on Letterman.

But for Scottish comic Danny Bhoy, his appearance last month on the Late Show with David Letterman came pretty much out of the blue.

"I'd been in the U.S. for months and haven't worked, and couldn't get even an opening slot anywhere," says Bhoy, who released his new DVD, Danny Bhoy: Subject To Change, this week.

"And for some bizarre reason, suddenly I get booked on Letterman, which is like the Holy Grail for a lot of comics. Here, I haven't done anything yet, and I've got the biggest gig in the U.S."

Not that Bhoy is exactly unknown. In Canada, and countries like Australia and New Zealand, he's a sought-after, award-winning headliner with a decade of sold-out shows on his resumé.

Despite that world-hopping, Bhoy says his comedy act stays pretty much the same no matter which country he is in.

Danny Bhoy

He claims that Scottish audiences rarely take offense at his hilarious attacks on such local traditions as bagpipe music.

"Actually, it's strange. That routine plays better in Scotland, where the bagpipe is seen as a very touristy thing, maybe for weddings, but definitely to be made fun of. It's a little different in Canada where perhaps they're a bit more serious about it. Still, they all laugh."

As successful as he's been, Bhoy has no plans to follow in the footsteps of a lot of stand-up comics and become an actor.

"I don't want to act," he declares. "Which is a painful thing to tell managers or agents. I prefer performing live. If I were to do my own show, it wouldn't be me playing a part. I'd just be myself."

Just for laughs

- Danny Bhoy – Subject To Change hit stores this week and will be aired on the Comedy Network on Saturday, April 17.
- Bhoy's Canadian tour begins April 29 in Toronto. Other shows include Ottawa (May 1-2), Halifax (May 8), Calgary (May 14), and Vancouver (May 16).
- For more on Bhoy, visit his website at dannybhoy.com.

Television

In brief

REALITY TV Reality star and supermom Kate Gosselin is launching a series that will profile everyday women facing personal challenges. Twist of Kate will follow Gosselin as she visits the homes and workplaces of her subjects, where she will exchange insights for living. The season will premiere in late summer, the TLC network said Thursday. The single mother of young twins and sextuplets, Gosselin will also revisit her family life for a series of Kate Plus 8 specials beginning in June.

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Oprah to make night move

Talk show queen will air program on new network

Daytime superstar Oprah Winfrey will be moving to nighttime to host a show on her new cable channel.

Oprah's Next Chapter, an hourlong show, will release Winfrey from the studio and her longtime talk-show format for conversations and travel around the world, the Oprah Winfrey Network announced Thursday.

The show is expected to be a key ingredient of OWN, and guarantees Winfrey will regularly appear on the 24-hour network she'll be largely programming from behind the scenes. It will premiere in late 2011 after Winfrey ends her weekday syndicated talk show at the close of its 25th season.

Oprah Winfrey

In other Oprah news, the four Canadian boys from MTV's The Buried Life are about to get a golden opportunity that wasn't even on their all-important list: the chance to sit on Oprah's couch.

Dave Lingwood, Ben Nemtin and Duncan and Jonnie Penn will be guests on The Oprah Winfrey Show on Friday.

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FRIDAY 4/9/10

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	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries		Departures (CC) (DVS)		EP Daily
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	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to (CC) (DVS)		Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Proof of Lies (2006, Suspense) Amanda Detmer. (CC) (DVS)				Crusoe
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	320	621	60 CEN	(6:15) Made of Honor ★★		Duplicity ★★★ (2009) Julia Roberts. Premiere.				(:05) 10 Items or Less ★★ (2006) (CC)		
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SUNDAY 4/11/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Ben Hur (2010, Drama) (Part 2 of 2) Joseph Morgan. (CC)				CBC News: The National		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Human Target (PA) (CC)		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Undercover Boss (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Free Love" (N)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		America's Next Top Model		Law & Order (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries		Hot Toxic Love		Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami "Breathless"		CSI: NY (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Undercover Boss (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Free Love" (N)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)		Minute to Win It (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	24 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Fisher Communications		Brothers & Sisters Investigating Oaji's hidden worth. (N)				News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	News	Sports	House "DNR"
news	502	390	26 NW	Food, Inc. ★★★ (2008, Documentary) (CC)			Mansbridge	CBC News: The National		Food, Inc. ★★★ (2008, Documentary) (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
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	603	561	69 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
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	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) Flash of Genius ★★		Julie & Julia ★★★ (2009) Meryl Streep, Amy Adams. (CC)				(:05) The Incredible Hulk ★★★ (2008) (CC)		
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Federline apologizes to ex

During an emotional episode of Celebrity Fit Club, Kevin Federline finally apologized to Shar Jackson for cheating and leaving her to be with Britney Spears. "I know I've caused you a lot of pain. I've been selfish," he said. POPEATER.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 MacGruber

TV Yet another Saturday Night Live sketch is being fleshed out for theatres, and to mark the occasion, one of the stars of MacGruber, Ryan Phillippe, is hosting SNL on April 17. Let's assume there will be a MacGruber — it opens in May — sketch on the show. This is, after all, cross-promotion at its best.

2 Clash of the Titans

FILM It seems the gods aren't so crazy after all — well, the studio executives at least. The remake of the 1981 movie debuted at No. 1 last weekend, taking in $61.4 million during the three-day holiday period. The film's audience was roughly split, with 52 per cent taking in the 3-D version and the rest opting for 2-D.

3 Double Down

FOOD Kentucky Fried Chicken has introduced its latest culinary offering in parts of the United States, and it's a new take on bun-less. The new "sandwich" features two breaded pieces of chicken filled with cheese, bacon and mayonnaise. KFC says there are no plans yet to offer it in Canada.

4 Glee

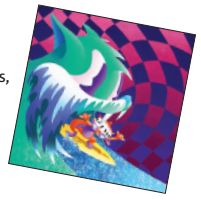
TV Everyone's favourite group of singing students returns to TV after a brief winter hiatus. While the latest plot twists are of interest, we're more keen to see what songs the students of William McKinley High School will interpret this time.

5 Defendor

DVD Woody Harrelson's Hamilton and Dundas, Ont.,-shot superhero comedy Defendor flies onto store shelves on Tuesday. The film is about an everyman who, unlike that show-off Superman or fancy toy-carrying Batman, uses homemade gadgets to fight crime.

6 MGMT — Congratulations

MUSIC The Brooklyn band's new album, Congratulations, is officially out this Tuesday. Many of the songs from the new release are available on the band's website, whoismgmt.com



7 Dancing with the Stars

POP CULTURE The toe-tapping celebrity dance contest leapt over the wannabe-singers of American Idol in the ratings this week, marking the first time Dancing with the Stars has surpassed the juggernaut. Many are pointing to the polarizing Kate Gosselin as the reason for the show's recent success.

Mix of Six

Adam Lambert

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: River Rock Show Theatre

The American Idol runner up brings his unique rock performance and powerful singing voice to the River Rock for his first Canadian concert. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and start at $89.50.

Black Eye Peas

When: G.M. Place
Where: Sunday 7:30 p.m.

The multi-platinum quartet from L.A. will be performing songs from their new album The E.N.D. with guest Ludacris. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and start at $60.75.

Angels and Airwaves

When: Friday 8 p.m.
Where: Vogue Theatre

Blink-182 guitarist and vocalist Tom DeLonge will be playing songs from his latest album "Love." Tickets are $36 and are available through Live Nation.

Vaisakhi Parade

When: Saturday 11 a.m.
Where: Begins at the Ross St. Temple

About 50,000 are expected at the colourful parade. Vaisakhi (which falls on April 14) is one of the most significant holidays in the Sikh calendar. It commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa (the community of baptized Sikhs).

The 2010 Vancouver Wedding and Honeymoon Spring Show

When: Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre

Top wedding professionals will showcase the very best in Vancouver's wedding industry including dresses, cakes and décor.

Billy Bishop Goes to War

When: Friday to Sunday 8 p.m.
Where: Arts Club Theatre, Granville Island

A play about World War 1 flying ace Billy Bishop featuring one actor playing 18 characters, tracing the route of Bishop from cavalry officer to England's most decorated soldier. Tickets start at $25.

TV helping to lead food debate

Jamie Oliver is using fresh fruit and vegetables to try to win the hearts, or at least the fatty arteries, of a West Virginia city. Rachael Ray is working to reform school lunches. And Paula Deen, queen of Southern-fried goodness, recently taught an auditorium of kids how to cook and eat healthy.

Chefs have always wanted us to eat something good. Now, it seems they're just as interested in seeing that we eat well.

"They're digging down to more substance, which is great because we all win," says Phil Lempert, the food marketing expert known as The Supermarket Guru. "Before it was cleavage and being cute to get noticed. Now it's all about substance, nutrition."

This didn't happen overnight.

Pioneers like California chef Alice Waters and, more recently, journalist Michael Pollan have been preaching the gospel of fresh, unadulterated food for years.

But when everyone from Deen to Dancing With the Stars alum Rocco DiSpirito is talking about the benefits of produce over processed, you know the tent has grown a little bigger.

"It became clear to a bunch of us that not only is it a good idea now, but people are ready to be receptive," says DiSpirito, author of the recent New York Times' bestselling healthy cookbook, Now Eat This!

That's partly because the rock-star status TV chefs enjoy gives them an entree into American kitchens that previous proponents of healthy eating lacked, notes Lee Schrager, founder and organizer of the annual South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

Oliver, for example, is headlining Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, an ABC reality show documenting his efforts to change eating habits in a community the network calls the nation's unhealthiest.

Chefs are realizing they have a responsibility to use their influence to foster change, Oliver says. And celebrities often can do that with more panache than traditional nutrition advocates have.

"You don't want to food Nazi the fun out of everything," he says. "You can still cook great things that are calorific, but you just need to intro it with kind of — Look, this is a special occasion, or this is for the holidays, or whatever."

Snappy titles and glamorous stars are new tactics for the eat healthy movement, which in the past has been perceived, fairly or not, as fun-deprived. Even Sesame Street is reaching for star power. The program recently named Art Smith, Oprah Winfrey's former chef, as its healthy eating adviser.

"It's becoming less elitist," says nutrition and policy expert Marion Nestle, who credits its first lady Michelle Obama's championship of healthy eating with helping take the issue mainstream.

Deen agrees. "We work on unintimidating foods that mothers and dads can put together pretty easily," she says.

A tipping point in the debate seems to be child obesity, the focus of Obama's campaign. A nation that can gaze with equanimity at racks of XXL clothing for grown-ups has grown less tolerant of needing "husky" jeans for five-year-olds.

Oliver, in the early episodes of his new show at least, has made some converts but also had pushback from people who don't take kindly to an out-of-towner overhauling their diets.

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Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution airs Fridays, 10 p.m. on ABC & CTV

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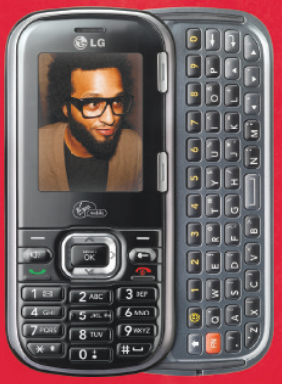

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George and galpal stage kissy-face photo op

Just in case George Clooney's personal denial of the news he and Elisabetta Canalis split wasn't convincing enough, the star's girlfriend made a photo-friendly PDA-filled visit to the set of his latest film, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

James breaks silence on sex tapes

CHIVALRY: NOT DEAD, JUST MORTALLY WOUNDED Jesse James is speaking up for the first time since his public apology following the outbreak of his cheating scandal. This time, James tells People magazine that there are no sex tapes out there feature him and estranged wife Sandra Bullock.

"The claims of sex tapes are untrue and completely fabricated," James says. Bullock denied the rumor earlier this week, and James also seems to be commenting on a claim by one of his alleged mistresses that she has around a dozen tapes featuring the Monster Garage star.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fergie dishes out diet tips

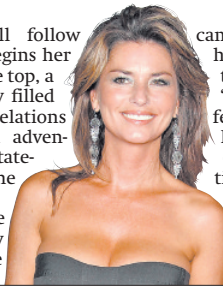
PLUS MY COLONICS, PERSONAL TRAINER AND SPA VACATIONS Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie has come up with several tactics to keep herself from overeating, she admits to Elle magazine. "There are times I play mind tricks on myself, like that the french fries are poison," she says. "With desserts, I'll let myself have just one bite, but I'll look like a freak when I'm eating it, like when I did Duncan Hines commercials as a kid, just savoring every morsel."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Shania to debut comeback series on Oprah channel

GNAW YOUR HEART OUT, MUTT First came heartbreak, then a second chance at love. Next up for country superstar Shania Twain? Her own TV series, people.com reports.

Twain, 44, will star on Why Not? With Shania Twain, an hour-long series premiering on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.



"The show will follow (Twain) as she begins her climb back to the top, a personal journey filled with risk, revelations and unexpected adventures," says a statement from the network.

This won't be Twains first foray in front of the camera since her marriage to Robert "Mutt" Lange fell apart in May 2008 over his relationship with her then-friend – and employee – Marie-Anne Thiébaud.

The country singer has posted several personal videos on her Web site in recent months, chronicling her world travels, fun times with her son Eja, 8, and her blossoming romance with her boyfriend Frédéric, who is Thiébaud's ex-husband.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cage homes seized by bank

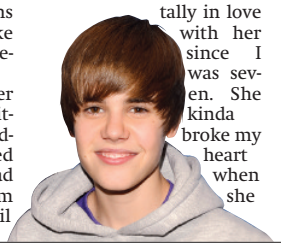
TIME FOR ANOTHER NATIONAL TREASURE SEQUEL, NIC It's been a bad week in the world of real estate for Nicolas Cage. The actor lost property in Malibu and an estate in Bel Air to the bank, which put them up for auction Wednesday, according to TMZ. The only problem is no one bid on them, and they are now property of the bank. Bidding started for the pair of plots in Malibu at $10 million, while the bank was seeking at least $11 million for the Bel Air mansion.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bieber: Beyonce broke my heart

MY WEE, PRE-PUBESCENT HEART Justin Bieber claims Beyonce Knowles "broke his heart," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old singer has had a crush on the hitmaker for years and admits he was devastated when he learned she had married long-term boyfriend Jay-Z in April 2008. He said: "I've been totally in love with her since I was seven. She kinda broke my heart when she married Jay-Z."



Despite his sadness at her marriage, the singer got the chance to meet his idol at this year's Grammy Awards.

Recalling the encounter, he said: "It was amazing. I was a little nervous but I told her she was very good-looking. Actually she's super hot." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Whitney out of Paris hospital, 'feeling great'

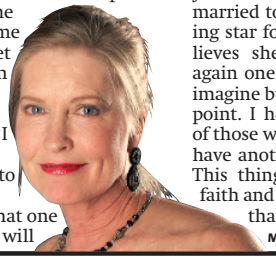
SHE'S NOT RIGHT, BUT SHE'S OK Whitney Houston is out of the hospital and feeling fine, she insists to People magazine after being treated in Paris for a respiratory infection. "I'm feeling great. I'm just ready to move on and continue my world tour," she says. Houston's hospitalization and the subsequent canceling of several European gigs prompted speculation that the singer's past troubles with drugs had resurfaced, but Houston shrugs off the "ridiculous" rumors, saying, "At this point, I just don't respond. I don't even read it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Swayze widow grieving, but hopeful

SWAY STRONG Patrick Swayze's widow says her grief over his death feels like she has been set on fire, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Lisa Niemi admits she is still struggling to come to terms with life without the actor — who died of cancer aged 57 last September — but is hopeful her pain will ease eventually.

"I have a myriad of feelings. Some are extreme, some are a general malaise, sometimes it's like someone has poured gasoline on me and set me on fire," she said. "I just have to have faith that one day it will turn around."



Despite her sorrow, 53-year-old Niemi — who was married to the Dirty Dancing star for 34 years — believes she will find love again one day."It's hard to imagine but I hope at some point. I hope I'm not one of those widows who never have another relationship. This thing has tested my faith and belief. I've learnt that life isn't fair."

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Dina Lohan blasts ex-hubby's new engagement

HOW DARE HE TAKE THE ATTENTION OFF ME! OH WAIT ... Dina Lohan isn't too impressed with the news that Michael Lohan is engaged to former Star magazine reporter Kate Major. "It's certainly a marriage made in tabloid heaven," Dina tells Radar Online.

"I mean, Kate dated Hailey Glassman's ex, Jon Gosselin, then she's best friends with Michael's ex Erin, and now she's engaged to Michael. It all sounds a bit incestuous to me." But that's not all Michael's ex-wife takes issue with. "Where he's finding money for engagement rings and weddings I don't know." she adds. "He's nine months behind in his child support."

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CelebTweets

JUSTIN BIEBER isn't happy with his People magazine cover, **AMY WINEHOUSE** is feeling romantic, **PARIS HILTON** is living on the wild side, and **KE$HA** doesn't get conventional architecture (among many other things).

@justinbieber Dear @peoplemag Covershoot ... next time i laugh real crazy warn me u r still taking pics...still appreciate u but let's get on the same page

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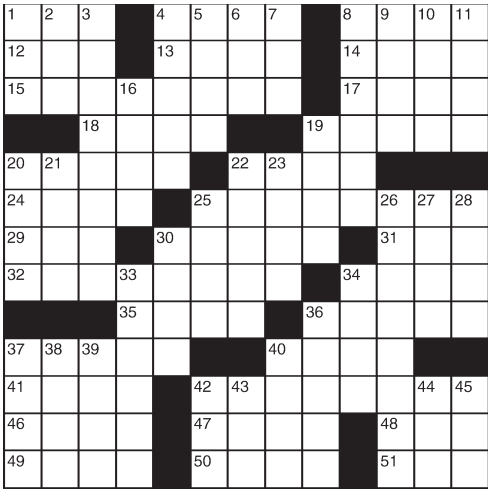

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8 Tranquil
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13 Comedian Caroline
14 Malaria symptom
15 Splitting headache?
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18 Reed instrument
19 Battle
20 Snouted animal
22 First born?
24 Hollywood clashers
25 Strip site
29 A Bobbsey twin
30 Eagle's perch
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34 Undraped
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51 Thither

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4 Jousting gear
5 Old woman's home?
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7 Put into words
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10 Sumptuous
11 Encounter
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19 Basketball team
20 Take care of
21 Culture medium
22 200 milligrams
23 "A" — "apple"
25 Dregs
26 Hoggishness
27 Staffer
28 Witnesses
30 Lotion additive
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42 That woman
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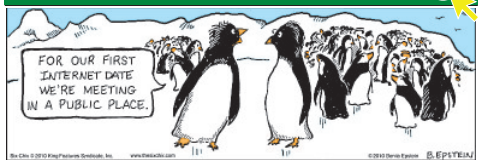

Metro Recipe of the Day

Minted Asparagus and Pea soup

INGREDIENTS:

250 g asparagus spears
1 tbsp olive oil
2 shallots, chopped
175 g potatoes, peeled and chopped
150 g frozen peas
2 2/3 cups vegetable stock
small sprig of fresh mint
4 tbsp Greek-style yogourt
40 g toasted pine nuts

METHOD:

1. Snap off any woody ends from asparagus stalks at point where they break easily. Cut off tender tips and reserve. Roughly chop remainder.

2. Heat olive oil in large, heavy pot and add shallots, chopped asparagus and potatoes. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 6-8 minutes or until tender.

3. Reserve handful of peas and add remainder to pot with stock and mint sprig. Cook for few minutes if potato is not quite tender. Season, then tip into food processor or blender and process to smooth purée. Return to pot.

4. Blanch asparagus tips and reserved peas in pot of boiling water 2 minutes. Drain. Bring soup to boil, then stir in blanched asparagus tips and peas. Ladle into bowls. Swirl spoonful of yogourt on to each and scatter pine nuts over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You are in one of your devil-may-care moods at the moment and that's good because the more risks you take the more you will achieve.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Certain people may be annoyingly obstructive but there is nothing they can do to stop you reaching your target.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you want to impress those you live and work with just be yourself. There is no need to pretend you know more than you do.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If someone annoys you today you will let them know in no uncertain fashion that their actions and opinions mean nothing to you.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be a while before you can expand your horizons fully but there is still plenty you can do to make life more interesting.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you continue to work behind the scenes you will accomplish something that not only brings you happiness but impresses some very important people too.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The cracks in a relationship have got too wide to paper over, so it's time to make a decision about its future.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Nothing happens by chance. The things you are experiencing now are largely the result of the thoughts and feelings you had in the past.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Others may say you lack ambition but the fact is you cannot be bothered to take certain things seriously. There is more to life than money and getting ahead.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If an offer falls short of what you expect today you are advised to reject it and move on. They obviously don't value your true worth.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Whatever your duties and commitments may be you must still find time to do the things that you enjoy. Whether or not they are useful is beside the point.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Try not to be too critical of other people's efforts today. No doubt you only want to help but a colleague's or loved one's confidence is fragile.

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